

MILITIA IS READY FOR NAVAL FIGHT

District Navy, With Others, Looks for "Attack" Tonight.

Real work by the volunteer sailors of the District of Columbia and neighboring States, who assembled in Hampton Roads yesterday morning, will begin today. Sunday will be a day of rest and recreation, so far as that is possible, but the duties on ship board are arduous.

All day the vessels of the fleet probably will lie at anchor at the base of operations, twenty-five miles north of Old Point, on the Virginia shore, but tonight, the hostile enemy will be hovering around the capes, waiting an opportunity for an attack.

From a strategic and practical standpoint, the maneuvers this summer will be the most comprehensive ever held by the combined navy and State naval reserve forces.

In all of the maneuvers and exercises the naval reserve of the District of Columbia, under command of Commander Dempf, will take an active and prominent part. The District boys are all on the cruiser *Yankee*, the flagship of the fleet, under the direct supervision of "Admiral" Commander Marsh, of the navy, who will direct all the operations.

Follow Navy Rules.

All the conditions will be similar to those pertaining in the regular navy during war times, and it is expected it will bring the reserves up to a high state of efficiency.

The attacking and defending fleets are composed as follows: For the defense, the converted cruisers *Yankee* and *Prairie*, the gunboats *Isla de Cuba*, *Maryland*, *Sylvia*, *Pennsylvania*, *State*, the *Vixen*, *New York* State ship; two torpedo boats, and two submarines.

The "enemy," or attacking force, will be composed entirely of vessels of the regular navy, mostly torpedo craft, including the third flotilla of destroyers, and several torpedo boats and submarines.

Admiral Marsh has disposed his reserves as follows: District of Columbia, on the flagship *Yankee*; *Maryland*, on the *Isla de Cuba*; *New York*, on the *Vixen*; *Pennsylvania*, on the *Sylvia*; *North* and *South Carolina* on the *Prairie*.

Several detachments from *North* and *South Carolina* that could not be accommodated on the *Prairie* were quartered on the flagship with the Washington sailor men.

It was at first the intention of the authorities to have the District reserves use their practice ship, the monitor *Puritan*, but this vessel would be so unwieldy in the fleet that the idea was abandoned for the better one of placing them on the flagship. For this purpose the *Yankee* was specially fitted out, and has mounted several new guns.

Plans of Attack.

Many details of the program of exercises depend entirely on circumstances and the weather, as to whether or not it is favorable for an attack. If the present weather conditions hold, with the bright moon, it will be extremely difficult for the hostile fleet to get by the battle line of the defenders.

One of the features of the cruise will be the actual firing of the big guns by the reserves in target practice. The guns used will be the ones mounted on the cruisers and gunboats, the modern high-power three and six inch guns. These guns have all been equipped with the latest style sights and appliances, and fire control in use in the navy.

But one gun pointer will be allowed, however, from each fifty of the enrolled organization of the naval reserve of the respective States. Each pointer will be allowed six rounds, and the rules governing the practice will be those prescribed in the navy.

The target will be navy regulation. As all gun pointers will fire from the same type of gun and the same gun platform, the competition between the various States will be absolutely fair, and will show relative accuracy and efficiency.

The reserves also will receive instruction in torpedo firing and in handling the little boats.

Look For Mishaps.

There will be several thousand men in the various ships' crews, and, as a result, the "man overboard" signal probably will appear several times during the maneuvers.

If the ships are in formation in column when the signal is given, all ships will stop and sheer out of column, the second in column sheering to port, with a starboard helm, the third in column sheering to starboard, with a port helm, and thus alternating down the column.

Life buoys will be let go as soon as the column is cleared. The lifeboats will be lowered, pulled around the ship, and hoisted as soon as possible. As soon as the expected signal is given, the ship will hoist the affirmative pennant, except the flagship.

If it is after nightfall the ship affected, or supposedly affected, will display the letter "Z," and will fire the signal gun. All ships astern of the one making the signal will also fire a gun and display a "Z." Their course will immediately be changed, the odd-numbered ships steering to port, and the even numbered to starboard.

It will be the duty of the next two ships astern to lower their life boats and assist in the search. When the man has been picked up, or the search abandoned, the "affirmative" will be displayed by each ship whose boats have been lowered. In this case the "affirmative" denotes that the ship is ready to proceed.

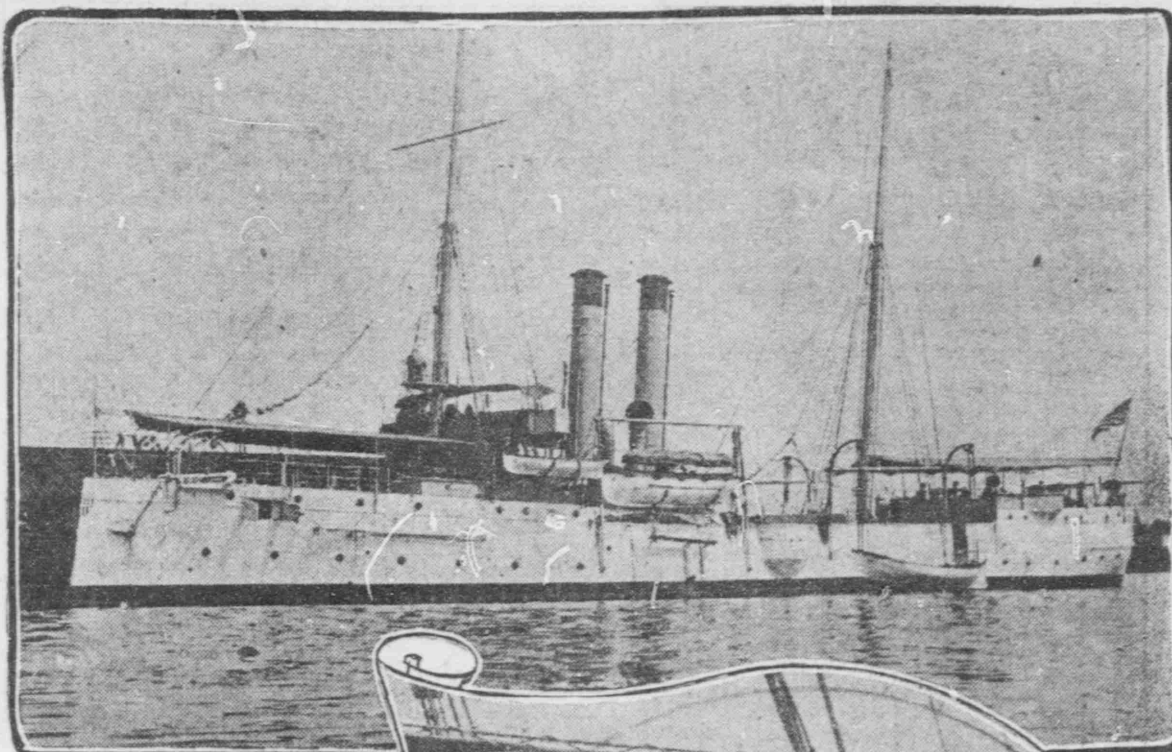
Another feature of the exercises will be the sending of manned boats to the side of the *Yankee* for inspection, on orders from the commanding officer. All signals during the exercises will be ordered from the flagship, unless contrary orders are issued for some special reason.

Important To Men.

This part of the practice is important for the naval militiamen. The flagship will hoist signals to its yardarms, and the others vessels will repeat it. There will be an umpire to observe which ship gets its hoist to the yardarm first. The vessel getting the greatest number of hoists will be given credit for being the best at the exercise.

It is probable that for the benefit of the District men, Admiral Marsh will order some other vessel besides the

MARYLAND'S SHIP IN NAVAL MANEUVERS



GUNBOAT ISLA DE CUBA, One of the Fleet for the "Defense."

Yankee to hoist the signal, so that they may show what they can do, in competition with the others.

Most interesting, beautiful, and picturesque of all will be the signal work conducted by the defense along the long cordon that will be established at night, to stop an attack from the torpedo boats, the little wasps that sting in the night and disappear in the darkness.

Each ship of the defense will have its special field to cover in the defense, which will be not unlike the patrol duty of a cordon. Each commander will be at his discretion in his own field, but the merit of his organization will be in large measure depend upon the efficiency shown in this work.

All lights will be turned off, even the searchlights, on moonlight nights, when they are not as serviceable as they are on dark nights. The searchlights will not be turned on until an enemy is sighted.

When "Enemy" Is Seen.

When the approaching torpedo boat, or other "enemy," is spotted, the ship making the discovery will throw her light on the "enemy" and hold it there for a minute. The beam will then be tilted in the air to an angle of forty-five degrees, immediately over the hostile vessel, thus telling the rest of the defending fleet the position of this one hostile force. At the same time two red lights will be turned on, with the night signals set.

In the maneuvers and mimic battles it will be the object of the defending forces to discover the enemy's vessel before it can get by and signal the flagship, supposed to be the flagship of an imaginary defending squadron, anchored in the roads. If two torpedo boats succeed in getting by undetected, it will be considered as a defeat for the defenders, as these little vessels, once through the cordon could not be caught before they did vast damage to the country along the bay and the Potomac, and probably to shipping. There, the greatest care will undoubtedly be exercised.

Whether or not the vessels would engage one another with blank shells, had not been fully determined when Commander Dempf and the men of his command left Washington Friday to board the *Yankee* at Alexandria.

Not Much Play.

Those youngsters who have gone on the cruise in the belief that it will be all play, are up against a mighty big disappointment, for although an unusual lot of shore liberty will be allowed, they will have to live up to the life of the real jacksies, who will be plentifully sprinkled in with the reserves.

The Washington contingent undoubtedly will surprise the navy officials in its show of efficiency. The men have been well trained, and they know their work as well as many men who have devoted a lifetime to the sea. Commander Dempf has been in the reserve for twenty-four years, and has had practical experience in the United States navy.

Many of the men forming the Washington brigade are men who were once in the regular navy. For months they have been carefully drilled and trained, and when they left Friday they were in the best shape imaginable. The hard routine of life on board ship, with but little play time may be hard for a time with the young men used to a life in the city, but that they will enjoy it, there can be no doubt.

In every detail from reveille until all lights are "piped" out at 10 o'clock it will be one round of hard work, but work of the sort that is different, and therefore interesting.

It is probable that in the maneuvers the fleet will cover a wide range, and probably will run up the coast as far as Hog Island. The results of the maneuvers, and every action, will be carefully noted, and reports of each division, and the drills and target practice made to the Navy Department. Commander Dempf is confident his men will receive the highest commendation. According to all reports from Hampton Roads, everything is progressing finely and the men are all in the best of health and spirits.

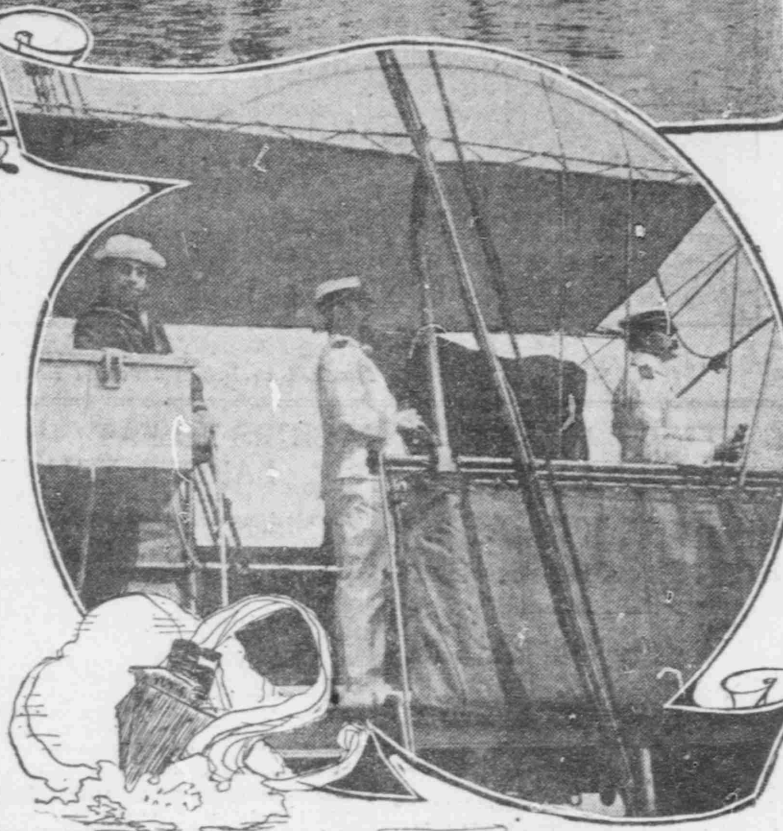
Flagship of Fleet Waits for Followers

PORT MONROE, Va., Aboard U. S. S. *Yankee*, July 18.—The *Yankee* still lies in her first position in Hampton Roads, off Fort Monroe, awaiting the *Pennsylvania* State ship, *Sylvia*, and the



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—Photos by J. H. Schaefer, Baltimore.
COMMANDER WAGNER, Standing on the Bridge of the *Isla de Cuba*.

Vixen, of New York, which will complete Commander Marsh's fleet.

The auxiliary cruiser *Prairie* was anchored in line with her sister ship, the *Yankee*, early this morning; the gunboat, *Isla de Cuba*, with her assignment of Maryland reserves, stood in and anchored at 12 o'clock, and the torpedo boat, composed of the *Thornston*, the *Barney*, the *Timex*, the *Delong*, and the *Stringham*, have all arrived and are lying at anchor awaiting the "get under way" signal from the flagship.

The little black torpedo destroyers, each under its separate lieutenant, speak volumes by their grim and business-like appearance.

The commanding officers of the *Prairie*, *Timex*, *Thornston*, and *Stringham* called officially upon Commander Marsh, and lunched aboard the *Yankee*, when it was generally conceded that it will be tomorrow noon before the entire fleet will be in readiness to move.

The rendezvous for target work will be Tangier Sound, on the lower eastern shore of Maryland, just below the mouth of the Potomac.

Saturday, as the custom aboard ship, is house-cleaning day for the men, when they are given ample time to wash their uniforms, to overhaul their hammocks, and get all properties ship-shape and immaculate.

There is much talk aboard today, among the youngsters, of the first division and organize racing crews to represent the four divisions.



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BIG ALASKA FAIR AWAITS APPROVAL

Uncle Sam's Exhibits Held Until Treasury Reports on Fund.

As soon as the Secretary of the Treasury approves the \$1,000,000 fund of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Corporation, the United States Government board of managers, consisting of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Jesse E. Wilson, chairman; W. De C. Ravenel, of the Smithsonian Institution, and William M. Geddes, of the Treasury Department, will take immediate steps to arrange for the Government exhibits.

The board, which was appointed by the President a few weeks ago, held its first preliminary meeting yesterday in the office of Chairman Wilson, and discussed informally the details concerning the character of vouchers to be used.

The board, under the act appropriating \$500,000 to be spent by the Government for its buildings and exhibits, cannot authorize the expenditure of a cent until the exposition company has complied with its part of the contract, and this it has not done fully to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

It was said at the Treasury today that it was expected the exposition company would report on Monday next that it had complied with every detail of the act, and that work on the Government exhibits would be pushed at once. The exposition is due to open in Seattle, Wash., the first of next June.

When Chairman Wilson is advised by the Treasury that the one million-dollar fund of the exposition company is all right, he will appoint an agent to proceed at once to Alaska to take charge of the work there and make the necessary arrangements to ship Alaska's exhibit to Seattle.

In order to get the exhibit to Seattle in time for the exhibit the goods must be shipped early in the fall or otherwise they cannot be shipped until spring, and then it would be too late for the articles could not reach Seattle in time for the opening of the exposition.

Chairman Wilson says the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition promises to be the most successful of its kind, and will do great good in attracting attention to the vast resources of that country.

DRIVES BULLDOG OFF WITH DOSE OF DRUG

Animal Has Man Down When He Gets Out Bottle—Bicycle Hit Canine.

PASSAIC, N. J., July 18.—Samuel Gurnsey was riding a bicycle in the Brookdale section of Bloomfield when the pedal of his wheel hit a bulldog that lay in the road.

The dog ran after Gurnsey, who put on speed, but the animal caught him by the foot and overturned the wheel. Before Gurnsey could arise the bulldog seized him by the wrist, then made for his throat. In the struggle that followed Gurnsey was bitten several times, his clothing was torn and he was exhausted when he thought of a bottle of citronella in his coat pocket.

He managed to get it out with one hand while he held the dog with the other.

He drew the cork with his teeth, then poured the contents of the bottle down the dog's throat.

With a yelp the brute fled down the road.

SLAVES' SURVIVORS RETURN IN STYLE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—Nineteen survivors of several hundred South Sea Islanders kidnapped eighteen years ago from their native strand and sold into slavery among the coffee plantations of Guatemala, arrived here recently on the steamer *City of Para*. They are free and homeward bound, and in addition are traveling as tourists, with the British government paying expenses.

The natives were kidnapped by Captain Blackburn, who visited the islands in his steamer, the *Monserat*, and, enticing them aboard, sailed away.

Ignorant of the language and in a land where the law is sometimes the dictator's will, it was easy until their plight was made known to the British government. This, however, was not until eighteen years had passed, and most of the natives had died.

TOO SOON.

Alexander was weeping for more weeks to conquer.

"Brace up, sir," urged an aide-de-camp, "from what Hobson says I think if you lead an army against Japan you'll get a run for your money."

"How many centuries do you think I could lead an army across, you idiot," responded the conqueror, and wept afresh.—Exchange.

CAT DEFEATS TWO IN FIERCE BATTLE

Father Goes to Aid of Small Son, and Is Severely Bitten by Animal.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—In a battle with a strange cat at their home, 827 North Seventh street, Myer Witkin, fifty-one years old, and his son, Morry, six years old, were badly bitten. The father's attention was attracted by the screams of his boy. Rushing to the yard he found the lad trying to shake off a big black cat, which gripped his hand. Seizing a club, Witkin beat the cat, which then attacked him. During the struggle the cat lacerated his face and hands.

Witkin summoned a physician, who dressed his son's wounds. Later his father went to the Jefferson Hospital for treatment.

FINDS \$500 PEARL IN JERSEY CLAM

ATLANTIC CITY, July 18.—A pearl worth \$500 was found by Edward Patterson, of 220 Pacific avenue, while he was dining in Erpenbeck's restaurant. At least this is the value placed upon the gem by a boardwalk jeweler, who called it a "coam" pearl.

Patterson was dining on clams in the cafe when his teeth closed down on what turned out to be a \$500 jewel, presented to him with his 25-cent order.

"I thought it might be worth a few dollars," he said, "but when that jeweler said \$500 I was very much surprised."

FIREMAN SCALDED AS BOILER BURSTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 18.—An explosion in the boiler room on the United States revenue cutter *Hawk*, lying in the harbor this afternoon, seriously injured Charles Taylor, of this city, and slightly injured another fireman. The vessel was not badly damaged. The hand plate on the boiler blew off and Taylor was scalded by escaping steam.

SANCTUM SECRETS.

"You didn't use my manuscript," said the visitor severely.

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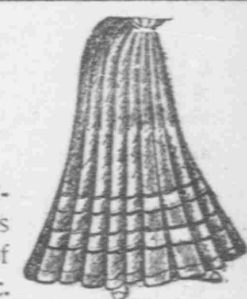
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